

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A volume controller for controlling volume balance between a front speaker and a rear speaker located within a vehicle, comprising:

5 a fade volume computing unit for computing an amplifying factor k_1 of an input signal for providing an increased volume at the rear or front speaker by the volume at a prescribed position within the vehicle which is equal to an decreased volume in the front or rear speaker when a signal supplied to the front or rear speaker is attenuated by an attenuating factor K_1 ; and

10 a control unit for multiplying the signal supplied to the rear or front speaker by k_1 when a signal supplied to the front or rear speaker is attenuated by K_1 .

15 2. A volume controller according to claim 1, wherein the prescribed position is located at a center of a front seat, at a center of a rear seat, or a center between the front seat and the rear seat.

20 3. A volume controller according to claim 1, wherein attenuations when acoustic waves from the front speaker and rear speaker are propagated to the prescribed position are previously recorded, and on the basis of the attenuations, the increased and decreased volumes at the front or rear speaker are computed.

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